



DoN Open Skies Notes

January 2000

Open Skies – In the New Millennium

Status on Entry-Into-Force

The Treaty on Open Skies continues to be in a provisional status and has not entered into force (EIF). EIF will occur when the Ukraine, Belarus and the Russian Federation ratify the treaty and deposit their instruments of ratification. There is no indication of when this will occur.

DoD Planning Assumption for EIF is 2nd/3rd Quarter FY 00. DoD planning and execution continues for Blue-on-Blue (BB) exercises and Joint Trial Flights (JTFs).

DoN continues to plan for compliance and implementation as well as practice the concept of operations for Open Skies notifications and post flight assessment.

Planned Joint Trial Flights

The following Joint Trial Flights (JTFs) are currently on the tentative schedule. **This schedule is subject to change.**

Mar 00 Slovenia
Sep 00 Ukraine
Oct 00 Russia

Since JTFs are pre-coordinated with the observing country as to when the overflight will occur, DoN practice for JTFs has been to release a Naval message to inform commands of a pending overflight approximately 3 weeks prior to the overflight. This “pre-coordination” **DOES NOT** include having prior knowledge of

where the overflight will be conducted or when the observing country will provide the initial intent

to overfly notification to the United States government. This initial notification is what starts the DoN notification process.

Last Edition ...

When the first edition of *OS Notes* was distributed in November 1995, the goal was to develop a vehicle to “further disseminate Open Skies information and to promote communication amongst the DoN Open Skies community.” To that extent, we have fulfilled our goal. The next step is to have a newsletter that talks to all of arms control, not just Open Skies. This effort is underway and the premier edition should be arriving within the next few months and hence this will be the final edition of *OS Notes*.

Lastly, it is with great pride and sorrow that I turn over the reins to CDR(S) Donna Vaught. For over five years, we (you as the customer and we collectively in Navy Arms Control aka Naval Treaty Implementation Program) have worked together to build and execute a concept of operations second to none. The DoN is ready for Open Skies. It’s not been a job – but an adventure! A sincere thanks to all of you.

Until our paths cross again ...

Bonnie M. Hammersley

Former DoN Open Skies Treaty Manager

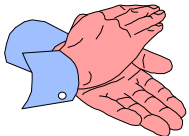
Hail and Farewell!



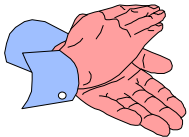
Farewell to **Jean Lacina**. She has returned to the Navy International Programs Office – Export License Division.



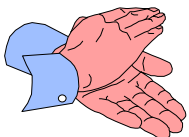
Farewell to **Bonnie M. Hammersley**. She will move to the Office of the Secretary of Defense as the Deputy Director for Critical Infrastructure Protection.



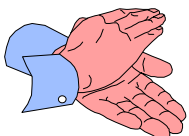
Hail to **Jesus Torres**. He transfers from the Naval Surface Warfare Center, Indian Head Division (NSWC-IH) and will be assisting in Open Skies.



Hail to **Ben Eng**. He returns to NTIP from the Department of Commerce and will be supporting Open Skies in the Treaty Operations Center.

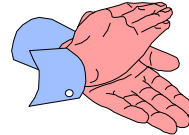


Hail to **Bev Burns** on her promotion to Deputy Treaty Manager for Open Skies.

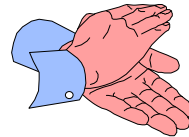


Hail to **Jane Hollister**. She transfers from the Naval Air Systems Command

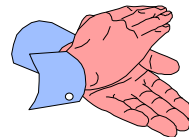
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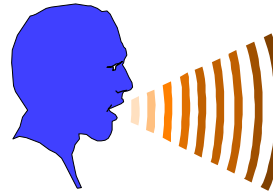
Hail to **Debbie Piepoli**. She transfers from NSWC-IH and will be assisting in the Open Skies program.



Hail to **CDR(S) Donna S. Vaught, USN**. CDR Vaught is the Fleet Liaison Officer for the NTIP and will also serve as the DoN Open Skies Treaty Manager.



Hail to **Richard Gibson**. He transfers from US Army Europe and will be supporting Open Skies in the Treaty Operations Center.



QUESTION FROM THE FLEET ...

Q Last time I called to confirm receipt of my Open Skies message, the term “TOC” was used. What is “TOC”?

A “TOC” stands for “Treaty Operations Center”. Formerly the TOC had been named the “Headquarters Treaty Operations Center” or HTOC. While the name may have been changed, the function is still the same - providing a single point of contact for the DoN during an Open Skies overflight.

Exercise RECAP

COMEX September 1999

A DoN communications exercise (COMEX) was conducted on 9 September to test operational functionality of the Treaty Operations Center as a result of the physical move from Crystal City, VA, to the Nebraska Avenue Complex in Washington, DC. With the exception of a telephone number change, the physical move should have been transparent to those receiving and responding to Open Skies messages. The COMEX was a success.

For the Open Skies customer base, we were testing the effectivity of the change in telephone numbers as well as the ability to respond to an unexpected Open Skies message.

For the Treaty Operations Center, we were testing the installation and configuration of the telephone system, the functionality of the Treaty Information Management System, the ability to receive and send AUTODIN messages, and the ability to staff the operations center on short notice. The new physical location provides new commuting challenges for most of those who help staff the operations center.

DoN released one message (DTG 091330Z SEP 99) from NAVARMSCONTROLCOORD. As usual, the message was addressed to AIGs 13957 and 13958. Callbacks were made to those commands who had not confirmed receipt of the message.

The following were the first twelve commands to confirm receipt (listed in order of receipt):

NAVUNSEAWARCENDIV
KEYPORT WA
WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
SUBASE NEW LONDON CT
COMNAVAIRWARCENWPNDIV
CHINA LAKE
NAVAIRWPNSTA CHINA LAKE CA
DIRNAVCRIMINSERV
WASHINGTON DC
COMNAVSPECWARGRU ONE
NAS KEY WEST FL
NAVSTA SAN DIEGO
COMTHIRDFLT
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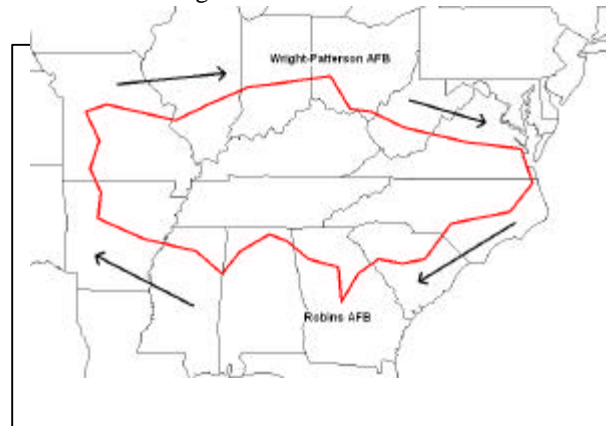
JTF w/ Greece

Date of Initial Notification: 22 Oct 99

Point of Entry: Washington Dulles

Airfield: Wright-Patterson AFB, OH

Dates of Overflight: 3 & 4 Nov 99



Final Flight Path
(WPAFB – Robins AFB - WPAFB)

The following were the first twelve commands to confirm receipt for the **General Alert message** (listed in order of receipt):

NAVUNSEAWARCENDIV
KEYPORT WA
NAVSTA NORFOLK VA
COMNAVSPECWARGRU TWO
WPNSTA CHARLESTON SC
NAVSURFWARCENDIV
DAHLGREN VA
COMSUBGRU TWO
MCAS BEAUFORT SC
SPAWARSSYSCEN SAN DIEGO CA
CINCLANTFLT NORFOLK VA
NAVAIRWARCENACDIV
LAKEHURST NJ
NAVSURFWARCENDIV CRANE IN
CG II MEF

Comments:

There was a German observer on board. Mechanical difficulties delayed the OS aircraft observation overflight takeoff on leg 1 about an hour and twenty minutes from the agreed final flight plan. A previous software programming change enabled the DoN to accommodate this type of delay in the calculation for the window of vulnerability.

Same Mission - Different Name and Address!

	<u>Old</u>	<u>New</u>
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